COVID-19 Council Update – July 27, 2020

- Since the record high of new daily cases reported on July 15(10,791), The Texas Department of Health Services has reported a continual decline both in new cases and in the statewide positivity rate. On July 25, 8,112 new cases were reported in Texas and the positivity rate had dropped to 13.76%. Meanwhile the Texas Medical Center reports a 7 day average positivity rate for the Greater Houston Area to be 17.1% which is also down from the rate reported last week of 20.1%.
- As of July 26, the Texas Medical Center reports that Phase I ICU capacity is full and they are 21% into Phase II capacity with no expectations of exceeding Phase II capacity within the next 2 weeks.
- Harris County Public Health data indicates West U still has 29 "confirmed" cases, 25 of these cases have "recovered" and 4 are still "active".
- The FD is currently managing a potential exposure case within the department and taking
 necessary actions to ensure the safety of staff members. Those identified at risk of exposure are
 being sent for testing.
- On a more positive note: Today biotech company Moderna became the first U.S. based company to start Phase III clinical trials on COVID-19 vaccine which will enroll about 30,000 adult volunteers.
- End of Report



